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SUBJECT: LOS: REPLY TO SECRETARY'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 5

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF NORWEGIAN ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER KLEPPE'S REPLY TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 5 TO FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND. THE REPLY AS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT BY MAIL FROM OSLO ON SEPTEMBER 17.

2. BEGIN TEXT: OSLO, 6 SEPTEMBER 1976.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 5 SEPTEMBER TO FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND, WHO IS AT PRESENT ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, REPORTING ON THE RESULTS OF YOUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK.

THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HIGHLY APPRECIATES YOUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE PROGRESS DURING THIS SESSION, AND REGARDS THE PROPOSALS SET FORTH BY THE UNITED STATES AS A  
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SIGNIFICANT AND POSITIVE STEP REFLECTING THE WILL OF

THE UNITED STATES TO MOVE TOWARDS THE NECESSARY MUTUAL  
ACCOMMODATION OF INTERESTS.

THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE HAS  
BEEN INFORMED OF YOUR LETTER AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED  
ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE NEW AMERICAN INITIATIVE TO  
MAKE RENEWED EFFORTS WITH A VIEW TO GET THE PROCESS  
OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS GOING AGAIN. IF YOU WOULD  
FIND IT USEFUL, THE HEAD OF THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION,  
THE LAW OF THE SEA MINISTER, MR. EVENSEN, WOULD BE  
WILLING TO MEET YOU IN WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER  
DISCUSSIONS. YOURS SINCERELY, (SIGNED) PER KLEPPE,  
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. ROBINSON

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